

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, line 33 – page 6, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

The author or inspection moderator may provide comment responses to all reviewers. Responses may be presented to reviewers either ~~Either~~ contemporaneously, as comments are entered or, when all reviewers have completed their review and provided their comments. Each reviewer may review the author's response, checking off those that are clear and where corrections are simple. Any remaining comments are classified as inspection meeting items or action items. By providing each reviewer with an opportunity to enter comments prior to an inspection/review meeting, the majority of corrections, especially for minor errors, are addressed prior to the meeting. The otherwise very time-consuming "reading" process is eliminated from the inspection meeting to allow meeting participants to focus on more serious items, i.e., those where significant discussion may still be necessary.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 11 – 25 with the following amended paragraph:

This interactive collaborative review step 104 involves two classes of activities. The ~~In the~~ first class of activity is collaborative, where collaborators view comments and examine the item in detail as a file placed on a server using a web browser, for example. The collaborators can comment, pose questions or note errors found in the file. The comments are passed back to the server and placed in a comment file. Optionally, each user may be allowed to selectively view all remarks for the file or all remarks for a particular user. The comment file is made available interactively to all the collaborators along with an identification of both the source of each comment and the element within the item (source code file and line number in this example) to which the particular comment is directed. The second class of activity is file management and communication activity by the server managing the files with the formatted item, the item elements and the comment file. The server makes the elements and reviewer comments available to

reviewers and accepts any additional individual reviewer comments and author responses, also making those available.